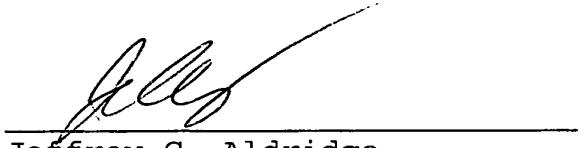


Applicant's Reply

Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group III  
(claims 109-210 and 223-258) for examination.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to  
pursue the invention of the non-elected groups, as  
originally claimed, in one or more divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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